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Attention: Official Draftsman

Sir:

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed July 22, 1999 requesting that new corrected drawings be filed, we hereby transmit formal drawings for the above-captioned case, consisting of twenty five (25) figures on twelve (12) sheets of drawings.

The drawings in the above-identified application have been objected to as failing to meet certain formal requirements. The enclosed formal drawings are believed to satisfy all of the objections raised by the Patent Office Draftsman in this case.

Acceptance of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested.

In the event that any fee is required to be paid in connection with the present submission of formal drawings, please charge the cost of the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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